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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GW, GE

SUBJECT: GDR COMPLAINT THAT VISIT BY

PRESIDENT SCHEEL REPULSED BY SENAT

1. VIA USUAL MEANS OF ADN NEWS RELEASE GDR REGISTERED COMPLAINT JAN 22 AT CURRENT FOUR-DAY VISIT OF FEDERAL PRESIDENT SCHEEL TO BERLIN. CITING WESTERN PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT SCHEEL WOULD BE CARRYING OUT "OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS" DURING VISIT, ADN RELEASE REPORTED THAT IT HAD BEEN LEARNED FROM "COMPETENT CIRCLES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR" THAT "CONSTERNATION" HAD ARISEN BECAUSE THESE PLANNED ACTIVITIES AMOUNTED TO "UNEQUIVOCAL" VIOLATION OF QA.

2. ACTING SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER TRENDELEV ALSO PROTESTED SCHEEL VISIT DURING JAN 23 CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH COUNTERPART (CARY). WHEN CARY REPLIED THAT SCHEEL VISITS TO BERLIN IN CONTEXT OF GREEN WEEK ARE NORMAL OCCURRENCES, NOT IN CONTRADICTION TO QA, TRENDELEV OBJECTED TO SCHEEL'S VISIT TO  
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RESEARCH INSTITUTE AS ACT OF STATE AUTHORITY IN

WEST BERLIN. (COMMENT: WE PRESUME TRENDELEV'S  
REFERENCE WAS TO SCHEDULED SCHEEL VISIT TO  
GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH - DIW).

3. SENAT PRESS SPOKESMAN STRUVE LOST NO  
TIME IN REJECTING GDR COMPLAINT. PRESIDENT'S  
VISIT TO BERLIN, HE DECLARED, WAS SIMPLY "MATTER  
OF COURSE" AND REPRESENTED CONFIRMATION OF LONG-  
STANDING PRACTICE. IT WAS, MOREOVER, IN "COMPLETE  
CONFORMITY" WITH QA.

4. COMMENT: ROUNABOUT LANGUAGE OF GDR COMPLAINT  
SEEMS TO INDICATE DESIRE MERELY TO "PUT DOWN  
MARKER" REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL VISITS. TO OUR  
RECOLLECTION THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE IN SEVERAL  
YEARS OF GDR PROTEST AT VISIT OF FEDERAL PRESIDENT.  
SCHEEL IS CURRENTLY IN BERLIN PRINCIPALLY IN  
CONNECTION WITH GREEK WEEK, BUT HE IS ALSO TAKING  
OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT, INTER ALA, SENDER FREIES  
BERLI AND DIW. GEORGE

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